

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Attached are two sheets of drawings, which include changes to FIGS. 3 and 5. These sheets replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-2 and 3-5. FIG. 2 has been amended to include reference numerals 23 and 23', as well as to change 15' to 15. FIG. 5 has been amended to include reference numeral 25.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels claims 1-3 without prejudice and adds new claims 13-18. Thus, claims 4-11 and 13-18 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment. Claim 12 has been withdrawn, but remains pending for rejoinder upon the allowance of generic claim 4.

The Office Action objected to the drawings.

FIG. 2 has been amended to include reference numerals 23 and 23' for the two telescopic ball bearing screws. Further, the specification has been amended at page 3, line 16 to include reference numerals 23, 23'. FIG. 2 has also been amended to correct an obvious error, namely to change 15' to 15.

FIG. 5 has been amended to include reference numeral 25 for the horizontal hinge. In addition, the specification has been amended at page 4, line 2 to include the horizontal hinge element. Support for this amendment can be found at least in original claim 9, as well as in the specification at page 4, lines 2-7.

Accordingly, entry and consideration of the proposed drawing changes are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the proposed drawing changes obviate the objections to the drawings. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings are therefore requested.

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error, namely to change the patent number of the document described in the Background of the invention from "5,623,412" to "5,263,412". An information disclosure statement including the correct reference is provided herewith in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification are respectfully requested.

In addition, the specification has been amended to remove references to specific claims in the Summary of the Invention.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim 9 has been amended to recite that the means for facilitating the movement and removal of the waste containers comprises "a side wall that rotates around a horizontal hinge."

The specification as filed, at least at page 4, lines 2-7, provided that: "A moving side wall 13 of the drawer 3 is hinged to the top of the drawer structure so that said side wall moves outward toward the drawer 3 and the fixed part 4 when the bottom part of said moving side wall 13 is rotated." In addition and as discussed above, FIG. 5 has been amended to include a reference number for the hinge element.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these amendments to the specification and drawings obviate the rejection to claim 9. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled rendering the rejection to these claims moot.

Claim 4 has been amended to clarify that the horizontal plate recited at line 4 is the metal horizontal plate recited at line 2.

Claim 5 has been amended to introduce the "waste containers" element and to replace the "moving part" element with a "drawer."

Claims 6, 7, and 11 have been amended to conform to the amendments to claim

5, namely to replace "moving parts" with "drawer."

It is respectfully submitted that these amendments obviate the rejections to the claims under §112, second paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over U.S. Patent No. 3,352,230 to Hunnicutt et al. (Hunnicutt) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,870,898 to Spencer (Spencer).

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled rendering the rejection to these claims moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 4-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over U.S. Patent No. 4,719,852 to Durbin et al. (Durbin) in view of Hunnicutt and Spencer.

Independent claim 4, as amended, requires that the mechanisms, which convert the rotary motion into translational motion define "a weight-bearing structure through which a compaction load, generated by said translational motion is absorbed". As set forth in the present application, the "total weight of the trolley 1 is also reduced thanks to this innovative type of construction." See page 5, line 32 through page 6, line 5.

As acknowledged by the Office Action, Durbin discloses a hydraulic mechanism and, not, the mechanisms, which convert the rotary motion into translational motion of claim 4.

The Office Action asserts that Hunnicutt and Spencer disclose compactors with electric drive motors and driven screw mechanisms.

Hunnicutt is directed to a press for tin cans as a household appliance. See col.

1, lines 25-35. Spencer is directed to a trash compactor that is capable of handling large quantities of paper, paper board, and plastics. See col. 1, lines 6-10. Clearly, neither Hunnicutt nor Spencer are concerned with minimizing the weight of the resultant compactor.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the electric drive motors and driven screw mechanisms of Hunnicutt and Spencer, alone or in combination with Durbin, do not disclose or suggest the mechanisms, which convert the rotary motion into translational motion and define "a weight-bearing structure through which a compaction load, generated by said translational motion is absorbed" as recited by claim 4.

Claim 4 is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 5-11 are also believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reason that they depend from claim 4. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 4-11 are respectfully requested. Since generic claim 4 is in condition for allowance, rejoinder and allowance of claim 12 are also respectfully requested.

Claims 13-18 have been added to point out various aspects of the present application.

It is submitted that new claims 13-18 are directed to the elected embodiment of Figures 1-6.

Support for new claims 13-18 can be found in original claims 1-11, as well as in the specification at least at page 5, line 32 through page 6, line 5.

It is believed that new claims 13-18 are in a condition for allowance. For example, independent claim 13 recites "two telescopic ball bearing screws" and a gear box that comprises "a weight-bearing structure through which a compaction load generated by said translational motion of said compaction plate is absorbed."

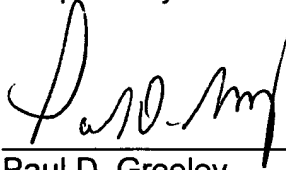
Again, Durbin discloses a hydraulic mechanism and, not, the two telescopic ball bearing screws of claim 13. Hunnicutt is directed to a household appliance, while Spencer is directed to a trash compactor that is capable of handling large quantities of material. Clearly, neither Hunnicutt nor Spencer are concerned with minimizing the weight of the resultant compactor.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Hunnicutt and Spencer, alone or in combination with Durbin, do not disclose or suggest the combination recited by claim 13. Claim 13, as well as claims 14-19 that depend therefrom, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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